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1. AN ARTICLE ECHOING THE TONE AND CONTENT OF THAT REPORTED

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IN REFTEL APPEARED AUGUST 31 IN ZYCIE WARSZAWY UNDER THE

BYLINE OF ZBIGNIEW RAMOTOWSKI, WHO WRITES FREQUENTLY ON INTERNATIONAL LEGAL TOPICS. TAKING ISSUE WITH "SKEPTICS" WHO PROCLAIM THE CARACAS MEETING A "FIASCO," RAMOTOWSKI DEPICTS IT RATHER AS A "POSITIVE LESSON" OF REAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR SOLUTIONS ON LAW OF THE SEA. THOUGH ACKNOWLEDGING THE FAILURE TO REACH CONCRETE AGREEMENTS, HE CONTENTS THAT THE CONFERENCE DID ACHIEVE A "NARROWING" OF POINTS OF DIFFERENCE AND AN IDENTIFICATION OF "CERTAIN COMMON ELEMENTS FOR COMPROMISE," SUCH AS ON THE FORMATION OF "ECONOMIC SPHERES." MOREOVER, HE ARGUES THAT THE CONFERENCE EXTRACTED FROM THE JUNGLE OF CONFLICTING VIEWS A COMMON TRUTH THAT "NO COUNTRY" OF WHATEVER MAGNITUDE CAN REALIZE ITS POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC INTERESTS WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS. THUS, HE CONCLUDES THAT A SOLUTION CAN ONLY BE FOUND THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COMPROMISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "SPIRIT" OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND COOPERATION AMONG NATIONS DIFFERING IN POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND LEVELS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE EXPRESSES HOPE THAT CODIFICATION OF AT LEAST SOME OF THE MOST URGENT ISSUES CAN BE ACHIEVED NEXT YEAR AT GENEVA.

2. DISCUSSING POSITIONS TAKEN AT CARACAS, RAMOTOWSKI CLEARLY PLACES THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WITH THE GROUP OF "DEVELOPED AND PARTIALLY DEVELOPED" MARITIME NATIONS SEEKING TO STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN ESTABLISHING BROAD ECONOMIC SPHERES WITH PRIVILEGES FOR THE COASTAL NATIONS WHILE PRESERVING "TRADITIONAL" INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS OF PASSAGE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE "LIVING RESOURCES" OF THESE SPHERES. THE OTHERS, HE CONTINUES, REPRESENTING "MAINLY THE THIRD WORLD," INSISTED ON "EXCLUSIVE" RIGHTS TO EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES WITHIN A 200 MILE LIMIT AND APPEALED FOR CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION OF TERRITORIAL WATERS AND LIMITATION OF NAVIGATION.

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